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Alleged memorials from forest rangers for increase of pay.

* 250 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state what action has been taken on the memorial submitted by forest rangers for the increase of their salaries and allowances and the reminder sent by the Secretary of the Madras Forest Rangers' Association, dated 9th November 1927 ?

A.—They are still under the consideration of Government.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I inquire how long this matter will be under the consideration of Government? It has been very long already."

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"As I submitted in connexion with a motion in this House, the whole forest policy is under the consideration of Government. When that is settled, this matter also will be settled."

Panchayat Courts

Abolition of the Panchayat Court in Perumbedu village.

* 251 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received representations from the villagers of Perumbedu village in the Chingleput district, requesting the abolition of the Panchayat court in the village ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that there is a faction in the village between the Vanniyars and Adi-Dravidas and other caste Hindus ;

(*c*) whether many of the original members of the Panchayat court have resigned their membership ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that after the above resignations the present Panchayat court consisted of only the President and his two brothers ;

(*e*) whether the other members of the court since elected belong to the party of the President ; and

(*f*) whether the Government will consider the advisability of abolishing the present court and constituting a new one ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) & (*e*) The Government have no information.

(*f*) On the recommendation of the Collector of Chingleput orders were issued in May last directing the abolition of the Panchayat court at Perumbedu and the establishment of a village court in its stead.

Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—"With reference to the answer to clause (*f*), has any action been taken in that direction since ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"The answer, I believe, is complete, that 'on the recommendation of the Collector of Chingleput